

House File 2370 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 614)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of information regarding
2 postadoption services to all adoptive families.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 600.7B Postadoption information.

2 The department shall develop and furnish to the state
3 registrar of vital statistics a document listing all
4 postadoption services available to adoptive families in the
5 state, to be delivered along with a copy of the new birth
6 certificate to the parents named in the adoption decree
7 pursuant to section 600.13.

8 Sec. 2. Section 600.13, subsection 5, Code 2018, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 5. a. An interlocutory or a final adoption decree shall be
11 entered with the clerk of court. Such decree shall set forth
12 any facts of the adoption petition which have been proven to
13 the satisfaction of the juvenile court or court and any other
14 facts considered to be relevant by the juvenile court or court
15 and shall grant the adoption petition. If so designated in
16 the adoption decree, the name of the adopted person shall be
17 changed by issuance of that decree.

18 b. The clerk of the court shall, within thirty days of
19 issuance, deliver one certified copy of any adoption decree
20 to the petitioner, one copy of any adoption decree to the
21 department and any adoption service provider who placed a minor
22 person for adoption, and one certification of adoption as
23 prescribed in [section 144.19](#) to the state registrar of vital
24 statistics at no charge.

25 c. Upon receipt of the certification, the state registrar
26 shall prepare a new birth certificate pursuant to section
27 144.23 and ~~deliver~~ shall do one of the following, as
28 applicable:

29 (1) Deliver to the parents named in the decree and any
30 adult person adopted by the decree a copy of the new birth
31 certificate along with a document, developed and furnished by
32 the department, listing all postadoption services available to
33 adoptive families in the state.

34 (2) Deliver to any adult person adopted by the decree a copy
35 of the new birth certificate.

1 d. The parents shall pay the fee prescribed in section
2 144.46.

3 e. If the person adopted was born outside this state but
4 in the United States, the state registrar shall forward the
5 certification of adoption to the appropriate agency in the
6 state of birth.

7 f. A copy of any interlocutory adoption decree vacation
8 shall be delivered and another birth certificate shall be
9 prepared in the same manner as a certification of adoption is
10 delivered and the birth certificate was originally prepared.

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EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill requires the state registrar of vital statistics
15 to deliver to the parents named in an adoption decree along
16 with a copy of the new birth certificate for the child adopted,
17 a document, developed and furnished by the department of human
18 services (DHS), listing all postadoption services available
19 to adoptive families in the state. The bill also directs DHS
20 to develop and furnish the document to the state registrar of
21 vital statistics.